Proposed

Articles of Agreement

Union County Coordinating Committee

This agreement entered into this 13 day of 1972 by and among the county and the cities and special purpose districts of said county, State of Oregon.

WHEREAS, the county, cities and special purpose district of Union County recognise that planning problems and opportunities often transcend local boundaries, and

WHEREAS, many state and federal grant and loan programs require intergovernmental and multijurisdictional cooperation as a prerequisite for financial assistance, and,

WHEREAS, the parties to this agreement recognize the value of cooperative planning development, and problem solving on a regional basis, believe that economies of scale can be realized through such cooperative measures and that decision making on local matters can best be made by officials within their own region.

THEREFORE, it is deemed appropriate that the principally affected governments join together in these voluntary Articles of Agreement to form the Union County Coordinating Committee and establish the following articles to guide their procedure:

Article I. Name

The name of this organization shall be: Union County Coordinating Committee.

Article II. Authorization

The authorization for the establishment of this organization is set forth in state enabling legislation (ORS 190.003 to 190.110) and by resolution of the following.

(Names of cities, special purpose districts, and county)

Article III. Membership

A. The county, cities, and special purpose districts, wholly or partly within the boundaries of Union County shall be eligible to become a member of the Committee. The governing body of any eligible government may attain membership by adopting a resolution approving this agreement;

B. Each member government shall be represented on the Committee by one member, designated by and serving at the pleasure of the member government's governing body. An alternate representative may be designated by the governing body to serve in the absence of the representative; representative members and alternates shall be elected officials.

Article IV. Functions

The Committee may:

A. Discuss and conduct studies of governmental programs and facilities which are of concern to two or more units of government in the county; develop and agree upon proposals thereby such programs and facilities logically provided more efficiently or effectively by rationalizing joint, or close cooperative action; recommend adoption of such proposals to the governmental officials and private citizenry in implementing such proposals;

B. Prepare and approve comprehensive plans for the development of the county's urban growth areas and recommend adoption of such plans by the governments having planning jurisdiction within the urban growth areas;

C. Review the plans and planning activities of individual governments within the county from time to time and make recommendations which will result in the coordination of such plans and planning activities in conformity to comprehensive plans for the county and the Northeast Oregon area;

D. Provide or procure technical and advisory services requested by any member government of the County Committee and perform other functions which will contribute to the physical, social, and economic well-being of the citizens of the county and the Northeast Oregon area;

E. Participate, as an integral partner, in activities which would develop comprehensive plans for the development of the Northeast Oregon area and participation in various federal-state programs designed to improve the livability of the area.

Article V. Powers

In carrying out its functions, within the limitations of its funds and approved budget, the Committee may:

A. Employ staff, retain consultants, or obtain the personal services of employees of member governments under agreement with the member governments involved;

B. Appoint advisory committees consisting of elective or appointive officials and employees of any governmental agency in the region, or of private citizens;

C. With the approval of member governments, enter into contracts with the United States, the State of Oregon, units of local government in the State of Oregon; or private firms and individuals for the conduct of studies or for other work;

D. Adopt bylaws to provide prededures for the conduct of Committee business; and

E. Have other powers necessary and proper to the exercise of Committee functions.

Article VI. Officers

A. The members of the Committee shall elect from among themselves a Chairman, ViceChairman, Secretary-Treasurer, and such other officers as may be prescribed by the bylaws, in such manner and for such terms and with such duties as may be prescribed by the bylaws;

B. For the purposes of organizing the Committee ~~and~~ electing officers, the Union County Judge shall convene an organization meeting upon receipt of resolutions, adopting said Articles of Agreement, from general purpose units (cities-county) of local government representing 75 percent of the county's population. Subsequent elections will be held as prescribed in the bylaws.

Article VII. Meetings

A. The Committee shall meet monthly. Additional meetings may be called by the Chairman with the concurrence of two additional members or by a majority of the members;

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C. All meetings at which official action is taken shall be open to the general public; however, the Committee may meet in executive session for discussion purposes;

D. Unless otherwise specified, Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings at the meeting of the Committee.

Article VIII. Advisory Committees

The Chairman shall appoint such advisory committees as in the judgment of the Committee are considered necessary.

Article IX. Voting

A. Each representative, or, in his absence, his alternate, shall be entitled to one vote on matters before the Committee. The Chairman may cast only one vote. If he has already voted as a representative, he may not vote again to make or break a tie;

B. Except as otherwise provided in these Articles of Agreement, a simple majority of the quorum of members present and voting shall be sufficient to decide a question before the Committee.

Article X. Finance

A. Revenues of the Committee shall be from member contributions, grants, gifts, donations, fees, or other payments received for purposes consistent with its functions. Expenditures shall be for the purpose of carrying out the functions of the Committee, and may include payments to member governments in reimbursement for services provided to the Committee;

B. The fiscal year of the Committee shall be from July1 to June 30;

C. Prior to the time each year when the member governments adopt their respective budgets, the Committee shall determine whether financial contributions from its members will be necessary during the subsequent fiscal year. If it determines that contributions are necessary, it shall prepare a proposed budget describing the estimated expenditures and revenues for the year, and listing the amount of contribution to be requested from each member. The contributions shall, so far as practicable, be in proportion to the benefits each member government will receive from the work of the Committee during the year;

D. Member governments shall notify the Committee of their actions on the Committee's request for contributions as soon as possible;

E. The Committee may request the financial officer of one of its member governments to act as fiscal agent for the Committee and to establish an account in the name of the Committee to receive money for the Committee and to make its disbursements. The fiscal agent shall make payments of the Committee's expenses upon vouchers signed by the Chairman, as approved by the Committee.

Article II. Amendments

Amendments to this agreement may be made at any meeting of the Committee providing the following procedure has been followed; The proposed amendment, together with the article to be amended and the reasons for the amendment, shall be presented to be Secretary and the Chairman in sufficient quantity to supply each representative with a copy not less than fifteen days prior to

the meeting at which the amendment is proposed to be adopted. The Secretary shall immediately dispatch a copy of the proposal to each representative. A vote to amend the agreement will require approval by a vote equal to one vote greater than a simple majority of the Committee representatives and ratification by each member agency.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this agreement to be executed in the names of the respective member agencies by resolution adopted by the governing bodies, signed by the Chief Executive, as appropriate, duly attested to by the respective Clerk, Recorder, or Secretary, with the corporate seals of said member governments being duly attached thereto.

ATTEST: Ronald W Scowber
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